



Private Swimming Pools

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Many residents within the City of Milwaukee enjoy having a swimming pool in their backyard for use during the hot summer months. To ensure that pools comply with building and health codes, the City of Milwaukee requires that a permit be issued before the pool is constructed. Click here to view a complete [Private Swimming Pool Information Packet](#).

Permits are required for both in-ground and above-ground swimming pools greater than three feet in height and equal to or greater than 15 feet in diameter (> 3,960 gallons). A private swimming pool, typically maintained on a residential premise, is defined by the above water capacity as well as use by not more than two residential units and their occasional guests.

To obtain a private swimming pool construction permit, applicants must submit:

- a) a completed [application](#) along with the plan review and inspection fee to the Development Center (1st floor, 809 N. Broadway)
- b) a [detailed sketch](#) of the area in which the pool will be constructed on the premises along with appropriate dimensions and description.

Remember that proper clearance from overhead and underground electrical service wires must be provided. Additional fees may be charged by the utility company for moving service wires.

After this information is submitted, the plans will be thoroughly reviewed for applicable building and health code compliance. You will be notified by the inspector when the permit is approved.

At completion of the construction, a final inspection is performed to ensure that the pool and associated equipment were constructed according to code and submitted plans and are operating properly.

QUICK FACTS

Application Fee: \$50.70* for new pool
\$101.40* for an existing pool (constructed without a permit) plus a \$5.00 processing fee.

*These fees include the 1.4% IT and Training Surcharge.

Related Fees: Electrical Permit

Final Approval: Department of Neighborhood Services
Typical Review/Approval Time: 1-2 weeks
For More Information Call: 286-3280

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